Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article, comprising

a liquid pervious cover;

an absorbent core having a body-facing surface; and

an intake intensifier pledget located to overlie ~~or~~ a central portion of the body-facing surface of the absorbent core, wherein the pledget is located between the absorbent core and the cover;

wherein

the cover includes a hydroentangled, hydroapertured spun-lace material;

the pledget comprises a composite of a Thru-Air Bonded Carded Web and an airlaid nonwoven material; and

the Thru-Air Bonded Carded Web material has a basis weight of between about 15 g/m^2 and about 70 g/m^2.

24. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of claim 23, wherein the Thru-Air Bonded Carded Web material provides a low densified, lofty, Thru-Air Bonded Carded Web.

25 (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of claim 23, wherein the Thru-Air Bonded Carded Web material comprises a staple fiber having a denier of between about 3 and about 10.

26. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of claim 23, wherein the Thru-Air Bonded Carded Web material comprises an Ultra-Bulky bicomponent fiber or composites thereof.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of claim 23, wherein the absorbent core comprises a material selected from the group consisting of a composite of superabsorbent material and pulp, a tissue, a non-woven material, and a mixture of fluff and a superabsorbent material.

30. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of claim 23, wherein the pledget has a length of at least about 50 mm, and a width of from about 30 to about 60 mm.

31. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of claim 23, further comprising a wrapping material, wherein the pledget has a first surface situated adjacent the garment-facing surface of the cover and a second surface bonded to at least one of the absorbent core or the wrapping material.

32. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of claim 23, further comprising a fluid distribution layer.

33. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of claim 23, further comprising an embossed channel having a width of less than about 1 cm, and situated adjacent the periphery of the pledget.

34. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of claim 23, wherein the hydroentangled, hydroapertured spun-lace material is rayon fiber.

35. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of claim 23, wherein the hydroentangled, hydroapertured spun-lace material is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate polyester, polyethylene, polypropylene and bicomponents thereof.

36. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of claim 23, wherein the hydroentangled, hydroapertured spun-lace material is a homogeneous mixture of about 70% rayon fiber and about 30% polyethylene terephthalate polyester.

37. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article, comprising a cover, a first absorbent layer and a second absorbent layer;
the first absorbent layer overlying the second absorbent layer and situated between the cover and the second absorbent layer;
the cover including a hydroentangled, hydroapertured spun-lace material;
the first absorbent layer including a Thru-Air Bonded Carded Web material;
the second absorbent layer including a Thru-Air Bonded Carded Web material; and
the Thru-Air Bonded Carded Web material in at least one of the first and second absorbent layers having a basis weight of between about 15 g/m^2 and about 70 g/m^2, and having a staple fiber that has a denier of between about 3 and about 10.

38. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article, comprising
a liquid pervious cover;
an absorbent core having a body-facing surface; and
an intake intensifier pledget located to overlie ~~or~~ a central portion of the body-facing surface of the absorbent core, wherein the pledget is located between the absorbent core and the cover;
wherein
the cover includes a hydroentangled, hydroapertured spun-lace material;
the pledget includes a first layer and a second layer, the first layer having said Thru-Air Bonded Carded Web material and the second layer including an airlaid nonwoven material; and
the Thru-Air Bonded Carded Web material has a basis weight of between about 15 g/m^2 and about 70 g/m^2.

39. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of claim 38, wherein the Thru-Air Bonded Carded Web material comprises a staple fiber having a denier of between about 3 and about 10.

40. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of claim 38, wherein the absorbent core comprises a material selected from the group consisting of a composite of superabsorbent material and pulp, a tissue, a non-woven material, and a mixture of fluff and a superabsorbent material.

41. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of claim 38, further comprising a wrapping material, wherein the pledget has a first surface situated adjacent the garment-facing surface of the cover and a second surface bonded to at least one of the absorbent core or the wrapping material.

42. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of claim 38, wherein the hydroentangled, hydroapertured spun-lace material is rayon fiber.

43. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of claim 38, wherein the hydroentangled, hydroapertured spun-lace material is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate polyester, polyethylene, polypropylene and bicomponents thereof.

44. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of claim 38, wherein the hydroentangled, hydroapertured spun-lace material is a homogeneous mixture of about 70% rayon fiber and about 30% polyethylene terephthalate polyester.